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## Bill may stop teens from fake tanning

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Teenagers who flock to tanning salons before prom or bathing suit season may have to get golden the old-fashioned way if a California assemblyman has his way.

Marin lawmaker Joe Nation has introduced a bill that would prevent anyone under 18 from using a tanning machine with ultraviolet rays unless they have a doctor's prescription. Nation said the bill would protect teenagers from skin damage caused by the sun's rays and burning.

"We set limits for what kids can be exposed to," Nation said. "We don't let kids smoke until they're 18. We don't even let kids get body piercings until they're 18. And yet, we have a law that allows a 14-year-old kid to go to a tanning salon and be exposed to what the federal government has concluded is a carcinogen."

The bill was prompted by Nation's own bout with skin cancer  
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## CAMPUS BREAKDOWN

PolyView Fall 2003 provides data on this year's freshman class and demographics of the university's students

Nicole Angeloni  
MUSTANG DAILY

If there is trouble parking on campus, that's probably because there are 18,453 students attending Cal Poly.

If graduation seems right around the corner again, it's probably because Cal Poly has given 108,841 bachelor's degrees to students since the 1942-43 academic year.

All of this data, and much more, can be found in a study released by Cal Poly. Each year similar studies are conducted.

PolyView Fall 2003 contains data detailing different characteristics of the students who enrolled last fall and overall totals of students on campus.

"There weren't a lot of major changes in the 2003 edition of PolyView," said Justine Nielsen, Institutional Research and Publications Specialist. "That's what's kind of nice about it."

The average high school grade point average of an incoming freshman in Fall 2003 was up to 3.73, which only increased a little



BRIAN KENT MUSTANG DAILY

**PolyView Fall 2003 released that incoming freshman pulled an average 3.73 GPA and 1195 SAT score.**

from the 2002 edition's 3.71. In addition, the average SAT score hovered around 1195, up three points from last year.

In Fall 2003, undergraduates enrolled in an average 14.28 units and had an average 2.85 grade point average. These numbers are also very similar to the 2002 edition, with the average number of

units per quarter at 14.22 and the average grade point average not budging from 2.85.

"PolyView goes back into the early 1990s," Nielsen said. "We do them every year to give people an idea of the kind of data that we collect."

The College of Engineering is  
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HOLISTIC APPROACH

## Biodynamic farming tested on Cal Poly farm

Anastasia Killham  
MUSTANG DAILY

A look through the farm fence reveals unusual work in progress. It appears chaotic and untamed.

Of the 16 to 20 people spending their Saturday morning at the Cal Poly Student Organic Farm about six are wearing flower-brimmed hats. They are all smiles. A slight breeze energizes the air. They wait to check the evolution of an organic experiment that began last November.

Months ago, a similar-sized group of people packed about 40 female bovine horns with cow manure. They placed them sideways, open side down into the ground in the shape of a vortex so that months later they could be dug up and emptied out. Their decomposed contents could hopefully be used to brew exceptionally potent organic compost.

This is one of a number of techniques based on ideas introduced by

an Austrian philosopher named Rudolf Steiner. It is called biodynamic farming.

"It is about being back in the rhythms of nature," said philosophy student Eric Finlayson. "Biodynamics is holistically looking at the farm and bringing the natural energy of the cosmos into it."

A few of the horns dug up at the farm on Sunday had successfully turned their insides from smelly manure to scentless organic matter. The rest apparently needed more time in the ground and were recovered with soil to be revealed again in three to five weeks.

Application of biodynamic technique is more prevalent in Europe and ultimately takes advantage of natural energies to enhance natural properties, said soil science student John DeRosier, who has participated in previous biodynamic workshops at the farm. DeRosier said that he has observed beneficial differences as

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SPENCER MARLEY FILE PHOTO

**Over the weekend, students working at the Organic Farm on campus unveiled a project they have worked on since November.**

## UPD arrests man for lewd act

A female student took down the suspect's license plate number at the H-2 parking lot near the library

Justin Popov  
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly University Police Department arrested a suspect who police say exposed himself to a female student in the H-2 parking lot near the library last Monday.


According to a bulletin issued by UPD, the suspect, described as a white college-aged male with short brown hair and brown eyes, pulled his gold Acura up next to the student while he was masturbating and said "Hey, have you ever seen one of these?"

Police said the female student took down the suspect's license plate number and reported the incident to the police.

On Friday, an arrest warrant was served for the suspect who was identified by his license plate number.

Saturday, a UPD officer talked the suspect into turning himself in, and he was booked into county jail.

Police say that the suspect may have committed similar acts on and off campus. They encourage anyone with information to contact investigator John Edds of the University Police Department at 756-2281.



### VOTE

**Polling places open on campus TODAY for ASI elections. They will be open today and Wednesday.**

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Tides

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Low 1.4 at 3:57 p.m.
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SUNSET 7:51 P.M.



## Tanning

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three years ago. While getting dressed for a race, he spotted a new mole on his left leg. The mole turned out to be cancerous melanoma and had to be surgically removed.

Tanning salons, which constitute a \$2 billion a year business, aren't thrilled with the legislation, which they say will deter a significant share of their customers.

Paul DeRiso, owner of Novato Tanning, estimates that about a quarter of his 5,000 clients are teenagers. DeRiso offers high school students a 40 percent discount on the monthly \$56 fee because "I feel they don't have the money," he said.

March, April and May — the months preceding prom at high schools — are his busiest months, he said.

Under the new legislation, tanning salons who allow teenagers under 18 to use their facilities would face a daily fine of \$2,500 per violation.

Existing law requires tanning salons to get parental consent from teenagers who use their services. Anyone under 14 is supposed to be accompanied by a parent or

guardian. But few tanning salons ask clients for identification.

And among sun-worshipping Californians, the quest for the perfect tan may lead some teenagers to lie about their age or ignore the risks.

"I went to the tanning beds every other day when I was in high school," said Jennifer Lawson, 20, of Novato, who said salons never asked her for identification.

"In Marin, you have a lot of wannabe beauty queens," Lawson said. "They have the money to do it, so why not?"

At Pacific Tan in Corte Madera, Barbara Loy said teenage "tanorexics" — or tanning zealots — will find other, perhaps more dangerous ways to tan.

"Kids always do what they're told not to," Loy said. "If anything, they'll just slap baby oil on and sit by the pool."

Nation introduced the bill at the request of the California Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery. The Assembly Committee on Appropriations approved the measure on a 7-3 vote earlier this month, and it is scheduled for a hearing before the Assembly Judiciary Committee on May 5.

## Temperatures fall as heat blisters region

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California entered the first official day of the fire season as more record-breaking temperatures beat down on the Southern California and energy use soared.

The spring heat wave, which began last week, brought record highs of 100 degrees or more in Los Angeles, Long Beach, Santa Barbara and other cities, according to the National Weather Service.

In downtown Los Angeles, the temperature hit 101 degrees, breaking the 1984 record of 95 degrees, while in Santa Barbara, temperatures reached 97, breaking the 1929 record of 88 degrees. At the San Diego airport, the temperature hit 93 degrees, breaking the 1953 record of 90 degrees.

The heat taxed air conditioners, and Californians were asked to conserve energy after a Southern California electricity transmission path reached its highest demand for power so far this year.

"Generally speaking, whenever

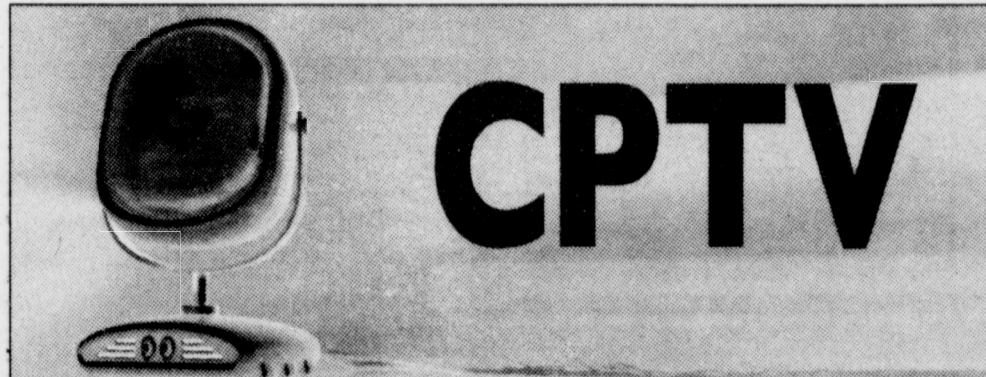
we have warmer days, the primary demand can be tied to air conditioning use," Southern California Edison spokesman Marlon Walker said. SoCal Edison on Monday registered its highest demand for electricity so far this year.

"We didn't have to go to blackouts, but we got close. We could be facing a lot more of these close calls through the summer," said Stephanie Donovan, a spokeswoman for San Diego Gas and Electric.

Two power outages believed to be related to the heat occurred in Los Angeles. In the Westside com-

munity of Cheviot Hills about 1,800 people lost power around 4 p.m., but electricity was restored to nearly half by about 6 p.m., said Gale Harris of the Department of Water and Power. Another 1,000 people lost power around 6:30 p.m. in central Los Angeles. Power was expected to be fully restored by late Monday night, Harris.

Many people sought refuge at the beach, but in Pacific Palisades, just south of Malibu, beachgoers avoided parts of the cool Pacific Ocean after several sharks were spotted about 100 yards off the coast.



## Farm

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a result of execution of biodynamics.

Biodynamic practices are employed worldwide. According to the Biodynamic Farming and Gardening Association in New Zealand's Web site, "The rhythmic influences of the sun, moon, planets and stars are recognized and worked with where possible." The same site explains, "Biodynamic methods work toward the development of the farm or garden as a balanced sustainable unit."

Sustainable Agriculture Resource Consortium coordinator Hunter Francis helps plan workshops like this one that explore alternative approaches to organic farming. Francis said that this phase of the BD

500 project is normally done around the equinox, and that the resulting prep should be applied around sunset. He said that the manure had been preserved due to unplanned watering.

This is one of many experimental alternative agricultural techniques tested at the farm. All methods abide by standards ensuring adherence to organic practice to maintain the farm's organic certification.

On Sunday, none of the participants seemed to consider this project a failure even though they dug up only a small portion of the 40 previously buried horns. They proceeded to participate in a demonstrational processing of a handful of the horn's contents and talked about forming a weekly biodynamic study group.

have the geographic variety that we need though because of the huge number of students from California."

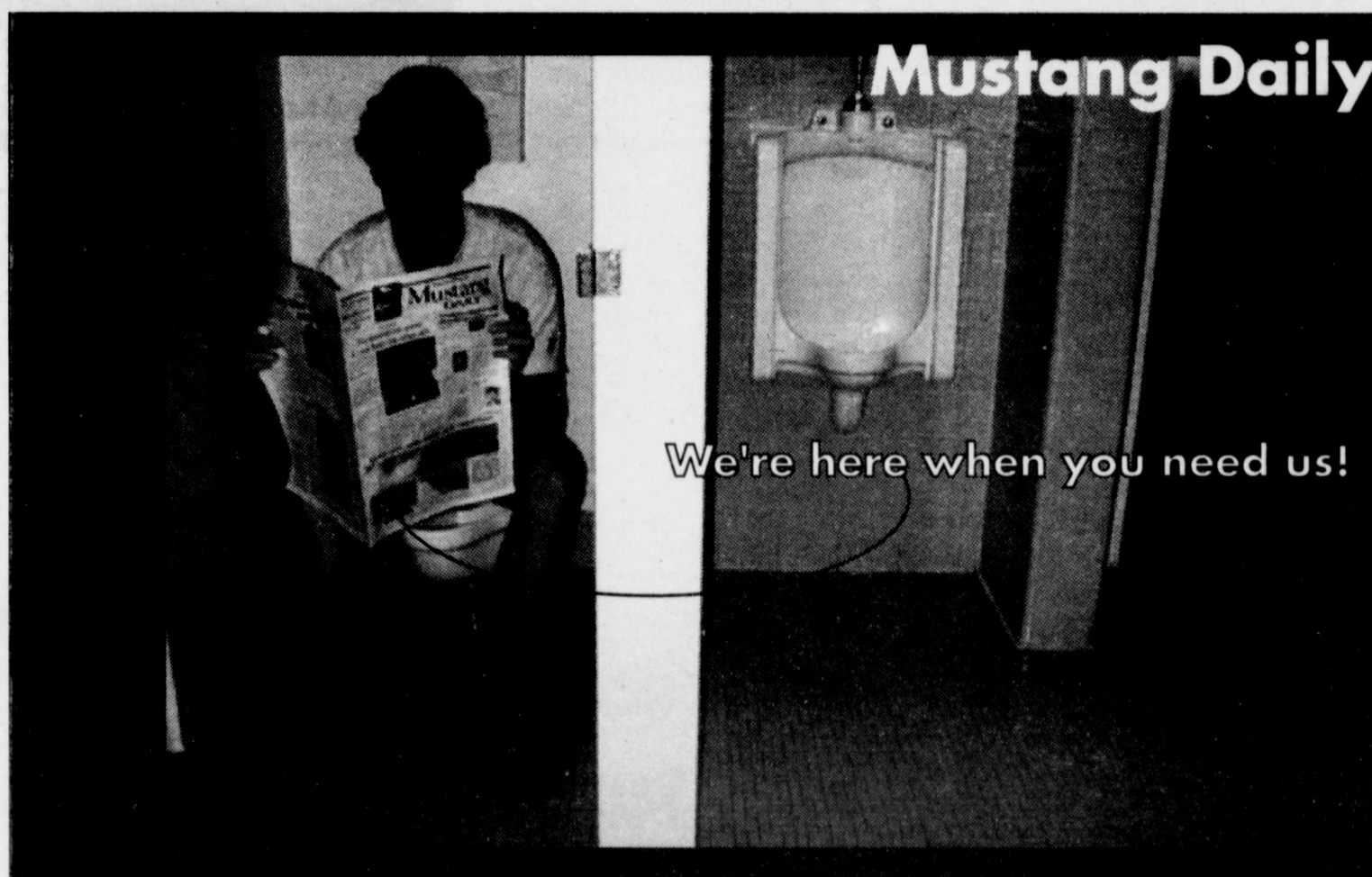
Each year, Institutional Planning and Analysis collects data from offices such as admissions, records, financial aid and housing. With this information, they're able to compile PolyView.

"PolyView can be used for lots of different reasons," Nielsen said. "It could be sent to people who are unfamiliar with the campus and are interested in learning more."

Often times, the data that is collected will be sent to committees and groups on campus, to aid them in their decision making process, Nielsen said.

"Our campus is unique because a lot of other campuses just report the data and are done with it," she said. "Cal Poly uses it for all different types of things."

For more information on Institutional Planning and Analysis, PolyView Fall 2003 or previous PolyViews, go to [www.ipa.calpoly.edu](http://www.ipa.calpoly.edu).



## PolyView

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listed as the largest on campus with 4,552 undergraduate students. The next largest is the College of Agriculture, with 3,638 students, and then the College of Liberal Arts, with 2,992.

There is also information regarding where students lived before coming to Cal Poly.

Undergraduates hail from every county in California, 47 other states and U.S. territories and 45 foreign countries. Although this appears to be create a lot of geographic diversity, 94 percent of undergraduates are from California. Of the students from California, 24 percent are from the San Francisco area, 16 percent from the Los Angeles area and 13 percent from the Central Valley area.

"I had no idea before I looked at PolyView that we had students from 45 different foreign countries," said Bridget Roberts, political science senior. "We still don't



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## State Briefs

**FOLSOM** — California grid operators asked for Californians to conserve energy Monday after a Southern California transmission path reached its peak capacity.

The California Independent System Operator issued a transmission emergency, but officials said they didn't expect to have to order rolling blackouts.

ISO officials did ask some large electricity users to curtail their electricity use voluntarily. Those customers pay less for electricity in return for reducing their electricity when demand is high.

The ISO oversees much of California's power grid. On Monday, the grid reached its highest demand for power so far this year, moving an estimated 40,451 megawatts of electricity. One megawatt is enough electricity to operate about 750 homes.

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**TEMECULA** — One of three blazes burning on the first day of Southern California's wildfire season destroyed a home and a university building Monday, and hundreds of people were urged to evacuate.

Three fires separated by dozens of miles broke out in 100-degree heat, burning a total of more than 2,000 acres.

One fire, in rolling hills south of Temecula in Riverside County, destroyed a home and a research facility, both of which were used by researchers at the University of California, Riverside.

Residents of about 100 homes were advised to evacuate, said Capt. Rick Vogt of the state Department of Forestry.

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**LOS ANGELES** — The Walt Disney Co. is hoping that a scary new ride that plunges passengers 13 stories faster than gravity will put the thrill into its 3-year-old California Adventure theme park.

Disney will open its "Twilight Zone Tower of Terror" attraction this week amid a flurry of announcements on how it will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its flagship park, Disneyland, next year.

One of those announcements will be that Disney will dock one of its cruise ships in California for three months next year and offer 12 seven-day Mexican cruises.

The "Tower of Terror" ride is still one of the most popular attractions at the Disney-MGM park in Florida, 10 years after it opened there.

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**POMONA** — Dozens of parole or probation violators were arrested Monday in a sweep prompted by the slaying of a California Highway Patrol officer on the steps of the local courthouse last month, officials said.

Although parole sweeps are common, the need for the sweep was brought to light by the killing of Officer Thomas J. Steiner, who was allegedly gunned down by a teenager trying to impress gang members, said Pomona police Lt. Rick Mackey.

— Associated Press

## National Briefs

**KALAMAZOO, Mich.** — President Bush, winding his way by bus through job-strapped Michigan and Ohio, acknowledged on Monday that the region is still in the throes of an ailing economy while warning that Democratic challenger John Kerry is not the steady leader America needs.

Looking to show equal parts empathy and determination, Bush told Republican-friendly audiences that "when the president speaks, he better mean what he says," and also said that in time of war, "what the country needs is a leader who speaks clearly."

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**NEW YORK** — A former top aide to Osama bin Laden was sentenced Monday to 32 years behind bars for stabbing a prison guard in the eye with a sharpened comb.

Mamdouh Mahmud Salim, 46, buried his face in his hands and put his head down as the guard, Louis Pepe, waved a black comb and told of the attack in 2000 that left him brain-damaged and barely able to see.

Salim still faces trial and a possible life sentence on conspiracy charges in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa. The attacks killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

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**WASHINGTON** — Piracy of American movies, music and computer programs remains a problem worldwide with some of the worst offenses occurring in Ukraine, China, Russia and Brazil, the Bush administration said Monday.

The administration named 52 trading partners to various violation lists as part of an annual report to Congress on the piracy and counterfeiting of American products.

"Americans are the world's leading innovators and our ideas and intellectual property are a key ingredient to our competitiveness and prosperity," U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick said in a statement.

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**NEW YORK** — U.S. construction spending jumped to its highest level ever in March, but manufacturing growth slowed in April, weighed down by higher costs for materials, according to figures released Monday.

The Commerce Department said construction activity jumped 1.5 percent in March from February to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$944.1 billion, the highest level on record.

In a separate report, the Institute for Supply Management said its manufacturing index slipped to 62.4 in April from 62.5 in March. Analysts had forecast a reading of 62.7.

The institute said higher prices for certain commodities, such as aluminum and steel, were causing difficulties for manufacturers.

— Associated Press

## World Briefs

**JERUSALEM** — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Monday he will come up with an alternative withdrawal plan after his proposal to pull out of the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank was resoundingly rejected by members of his Likud Party.

Israeli officials suggested the original plan — which had U.S. backing and was popular with Israelis — would be slightly scaled down and the new version would not be put to a Likud vote.

Sharon had proposed his "disengagement plan" as the best way to obtain security for Israel in the absence of peace moves and to defuse international pressure for greater concessions.

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**KARACHI, Pakistan** — A car bomb shattered a bus carrying Chinese engineers to a port project in remote southwestern Pakistan on Monday, killing three in what the government called a terrorist attack.

The Chinese government expressed deep concern and urged more protection for some 400 of its citizens working on the port project in Gawadar.

The attack occurred as the bus was taking at least 12 Chinese to the port, said Sattar Lasi, the chief of police in Gawadar. The site is about 300 miles west of Karachi, near the border with Iran.

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**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — The U.S. military has reprimanded seven officers in the alleged abuse of inmates at Baghdad's notorious Abu Ghraib prison, the first known punishments in the case, an official said Monday. Two of the officers were relieved of their duties.

The American officer who oversaw the prison said many more troops might have been involved.

The soldiers were reprimanded on the orders of Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq. Six of them — officers and noncommissioned officers — received the most severe administrative reprimand in the U.S. military, a military official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

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**YANBU, Saudi Arabia** — The U.S. ambassador traveled to this Saudi oil-industry city Monday with a simple message for the gathered Americans: Go home. We cannot protect you.

Huddled in a meeting room in a Holiday Inn still pocked with bullet holes after the latest in a string of attacks on Westerners killed two Americans and four others, many said they would heed his words.

The first to go were among the 90 foreign employees of ABB Lummus Global Inc., a Houston-based oil contractor whose offices were attacked Saturday by four gunmen trying to encourage Saudis to join the resistance against the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

The first ABB employees — all Europeans — boarded a van for the Yanbu airport Monday night.

— Associated Press

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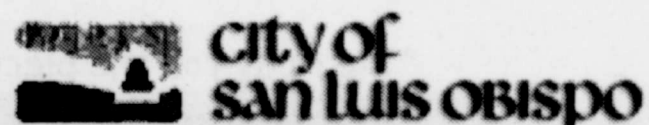
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The Mass Transportation Committee meets quarterly and assists with an ongoing program of public transit in the City and Cal Poly. The Committee provides advisory recommendations and input to the City Council regarding routes, schedules, capital projects, fares, marketing and additional services.

Interested students, 18 years or older, a registered voter and a resident of the City, are encouraged to apply. Applications may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 990 Palm Street, or on the City's website at [www.slcity.org](http://www.slcity.org).

For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 781-7103

# MustangDaily



# Stiller and Black leave audiences in unenviable poosition

Actors' chemistry is saving grace in otherwise lackluster film "Envy," poo jokes only go so far

**Jamie Brady**

MUSTANG DAILY

In a movie about disappearing fecal matter, Jack Black and Ben Stiller try to bring comic hilarity to "Envy."

Tim Dingman (Stiller) and Nick Vanderpark (Black) are best friends whose families do everything together. That is until the Vanderparks hit it big with the new invention Vapoorize, a spray that makes animal feces disappear.

Dingman's family had a chance to go in half with the Vanderparks, but they passed up the opportunity because Dingman thought that the crazy idea would never work. When the Vanderparks get rich quick and build a mansion across the street, the envy begins.

Although the movie has some funny moments, it seems that Stiller and Black's performances have the same style of acting as all of their other movies. They could have added disappearing poo to "Meet the Parents" or "School of Rock" and gotten the same effect. Can these actors change their style of acting or will all of their movies seem like the same characters in a different plot?

On the other hand, both Black and Stiller have a good comedic relationship where they can play

off each other's sense of humor, which basically saves the boring spots in the script.

Rachel Weisz and Amy Poehler add to the humor of the movie by playing the wives of Dingman and Vanderpark. Weisz, who was recently in "Runaway Jury," plays Debbie Dingman, the wife who believes disappearing animal droppings is a great idea and is annoyed with her husband for not adding their savings into the project.

Poehler, who is best known for her many roles on "Saturday Night Live," plays Natalie Vanderpark, who decides to give back to her community by running for state senate. She decides that her main platform will be the environment but is met by much resistance when her opposition shouts, "Where does the sh-- go?"

The plot gets taken for a wild ride when Dingman gets drunk and accidentally shoots the Vanderparks' beautiful white horse, Corky, with a bow and arrow. The beloved horse dies from the small arrow, and Dingman is left to find a way to hide the evidence.

Christopher Walken comes into the picture as the J-Man, a weird bum who helps Dingman hide the dead horse. It seems as if Walken,



COURTESY PHOTO

Jack Black hits the jackpot with a solution to the doggy doo on your lawn in "Envy."

who is a great actor and comedic personality, is going to save the movie through his performance. His long and drawn-out speeches are normally funny, but here seem rather dull and of no consequence. It is as if he also uses his former character of the crazy film director

in "America's Sweethearts" to play this talkative bum.

The film turns when the Vanderparks decide the Dingmans should have been their partners all along, and soon the Dingmans are living it up in luxury as well. However, the guilt about the death

of the horse and his chronic envy bother Dingman so much that he finally tells Vanderpark what happened. However, to find out what happens in the end and to find the answer to the question, "Where does the sh-- go?" you'll have to watch the movie.

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## Music Review

## Modest Mouse finds middle with 'Good News'

Aaron Granat

BADGER HERALD (UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN)

MADISON, Wis. — In 1997, the music gods delivered Radiohead's "OK Computer," which has since become the modern standard for rock albums.

That same year, Modest Mouse, an up-and-coming indie rock band from Issaquah, Wash., released a little album called "Lonesome Crowded West." The album showed the band's potential to flourish with an intelligent, creative sound but was also rough around the edges and lacked melodic hooks.

However, the band's impressive guitar webbing and insightful vocal styling provided Modest Mouse with a major record label for its next release.

Three years later, in the year that also saw Radiohead's remodeled style in "Kid A," Modest Mouse released "Moon and Antarctica," which stood atop the Mount Olympus of album rock with "OK Computer."

"Moon and Antarctica" gave fans a more laid back, refined version of Modest Mouse's sound. Singer, guitarist Isaac Brock maintained his raw energy but harnessed it in a more digestible form. His lyrics focused on the eternal themes of mortality, the cosmos and identity without sounding contrived.

This fresh, genuine lyrical perspective was enhanced by the intricate and polished production of Brian Deck. The album sports endless layers

of raw and treated sounds that swirl together into an impressionist musical landscape. Add to the mix fluid, moody bass and playful, inventive drumming and the result is an album of near perfection.

While Thom Yorke doubted Radiohead could ever produce another album like "OK Computer," "Moon and Antarctica" set the bar at an intimidating height for any other Modest Mouse releases. With a masterpiece under their belts, the band would have to find a way to further develop its sound and present it in a cohesive package.

The years between 2000 and 2004 were turbulent for Modest Mouse as the band went through a dramatic lineup adjustment. Yet even under enormous pressure and bathing in tumultuous inner struggles, Modest Mouse still managed to release a credible follow up to "Moon and Antarctica."

"Good News for People Who Love Bad News" opens with a brooding, sloppy horn intro by the Dirty Dozen Brass Band suggesting this album will defy conventional views of Modest Mouse's sound. The intro quickly transitions into "The World at Large," a song that finds Brock singing in a resigned tone that lingers throughout the album.

But even drenched with resignation, songs like "Float On" and "Diggin the Grave" are playful and bright. "Float On" finds Brock singing in a comfortable balance between his scrappy and forceful yell

of "Lonesome Crowded West" and his subdued, introspective drawl of "Moon and Antarctica."

And that's what the album is: A balance between the abrasive, relatively straightforward indie-rock of Lonesome and the experimental dream of Moon. This is the result of a band that has already pushed its sound as far as it can go and reverts to a comfort zone. To be fair, even though Modest Mouse doesn't really push the boundaries on "Good News for People Who Love Bad News," the album does offer a new if not profound version of the band's sound.

The guitar play is inventive and angular, the drums are crisp and energetic, the bass is as fluid as ever and the keyboards are subtle but add texture to thicken the sound. The band also used the Dirty Dozen Brass Band, violins, organs, piano and other instruments to provide sonic diversity.

Even with all of its good qualities, "Good News for People Who Love Bad News" can't compare with the profound, cohesive statement of "Moon and Antarctica." Maybe the tone of resignation that weaves through the new release is a subtle recognition that the band simply cannot push its sound any further.

It's nothing to be too upset about though. "Good News for People Who Love Bad News" is still a good listen. It's only within the context of Modest Mouse's trilogy of superb releases that makes this album a disappointment.

## Activism

## Video tour looks to raise global, political awareness

Justin Popov

MUSTANG DAILY

San Luis Obispo got a lesson in alternative media Sunday night as the "Guerrilla Media in Action Tour" made a stop at the San Luis Obispo Library.

Two members of Eugene, Ore.'s Cascadia Media Collective showed a compilation of their videos. It consisted of street-level footage of various anti-globalization protests intertwined with a tutorial on how to create independent media.

A small group, practically devoid of college students, gathered at the library to view the film.

"This was our experimental stop," Cascadia Media

Collective member Oona Beall said. "I am not from the West Coast, so I didn't even know what Cal Poly was. We stopped by on our way to Santa Barbara and put out some flyers; we did not expect much."

The video started with a creatively-edited version of the inauguration of President Bush and continued on to show protests ranging from a march against Columbus Day in Denver to the more recent World Trade Organization meeting in Cancun, Mexico, and the Free Trade Area of the Americas meeting in Miami.

The footage concentrated on confrontations between protesters and increasingly militaristic police forces. Unlike traditional corporate media, the video portrayed the protesters — particularly the anarchist "Black Bloc" — and other militants as the good guys, while the police were shown using excessive violence and force to put down the events.

Many scenes showed protesters being subjected to tear gas, flash grenades, pepper spray, rubber and wood bullets and police batons. One particularly entertaining scene showed activists dancing around a fire in the tear gas-filled streets of Quebec, knowing that they could not stop the FTAA's "Summit of the Americas" meeting but still making the best of the situation.

Later a somber moment showed

"I think we need to change the way we consume media. If we just try to mimic the corporate media, then pretty soon we will just be like them."

-ELBEE STORM

Cascadia Media Collective member

footage from Cancun of South Korean farmer Kyang Hai Lee, who committed suicide by stabbing himself in the heart in protest of the WTO's agricultural policies.

The video's chronological nature highlighted the continuing militarization of police forces securing these events, ending with the FTAA meeting in Miami where there were armored vehicles cruising the streets and in many cases more police officers than protesters.

While admitting that their videos have a propaganda aspect, the presenters said the corporate media is not telling the whole story, and because of that independent media will serve a vital purpose in the future of social struggles.

"I think we need to change the way that we consume media," member Elbee Storm said. "If we just try to mimic the corporate media, then pretty soon we will just be like them."

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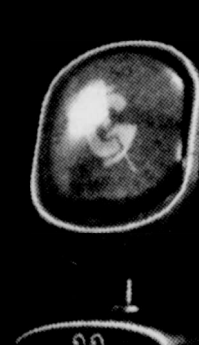
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# Firearms belong in video games

## Commentary

I enjoy hunting zombies. Joy knows no limits when my baseball bat makes contact with their decaying flesh. I'll even chase down zombies fleeing my wrath and beat them into living-dead oblivion. Essentially, whenever my therapist is on vacation, I turn to video games, melee weapons such as bats and lead pipes and make monsters fear the hedonist chasing them down.

My obsessive-compulsive nature in eliminating all threats undead has given me renowned prowess in the field of video games. At times I'll be interrupted at a club by the call from a desperate friend who needs advice on how to kill the giant worm with three heads underneath the Central Square shopping mall. With a quick shot of tequila I tell my desperate friend their mistake. The folly people continually commit, and the one I never fail to avoid, is choice of weapon. Baseball bats and lead pipes are always more dangerous than handguns.

Here's the reason. Firearms require aim and varying amounts of recoil. Additionally, there are issues of ammunition supply and the time required to reload. Not to mention, you might accidentally shoot another player or even yourself when panicked. I learned that lesson the hard way when another player got in my line of sight, and I mistook them for a zombie with my shotgun. Essentially, what I'm implying is that defense is a surer bet with a baseball bat. There are few, if any, dangerous mistakes you can make with a long piece of wood, while a fired gun is fairly final in any miscalculations.

This experience fighting zombies mentally prepared me to engage in gun-control debate. I was at a party this weekend and was debating gun ownership

with a drunken friend. The point he continually reiterated was defense of the home. Two main points were cited in the favor of guns, hunting and self-defense. I fundamentally and loudly disagree, attacking the latter first.

The chances taken by having a firearm stored in the house and readily available to confront an intruder are enormous. Dr. Karen Brock of the Violence Policy Center said, "Medical studies and government data consistently show that when a firearm is brought into the home, it is far more likely to result in a homicide, suicide or unintentional death than to be used for self-defense."

Additionally, take my video game advice and have a baseball bat under your bed if you need to feel secure.

You can beat the hell out of someone with a baseball bat, not to mention the range that it has. I cite Shelley Duvall in Stanley Kubrick's "The Shining." She smacked Jack Nicholson a good one with the aid of a baseball bat and one terrible grip. Imagine what a large man could do with this weapon. Not only is it perfect for killing zombies, home defense and sports, there is little chance that your child will pick up a baseball bat and kill himself. Unless he's spastic. Then use caution.

Lastly, hunting is now done only for sport and entertainment. I can't even begin to talk about how ridiculous it is to keep a deadly weapon with such dangerous complications legal purely for entertainment. Granted, it's fun to see things blow up into oblivion, but we don't all have atomic bombs under our beds. Why? They're deadly and dangerous.

Take some responsibility America and let's keep the guns in video games, where even there, they're a bad choice.

Barry Hayes is a political science senior and Mustang Daily columnist.



**POLYtics**

# Newsflash, Walter Cronkite

## Commentary

This just in: study shows startling trend among local news reporters to give brief, unclear reports that leave viewers on the edge of their seats. More on that at 11.

Lately, it seems tuning in to your friendly neighborhood news affiliate is like watching soft-core porn. The longer you sit through the bad dialogue, the more disappointed you are with what passes for the money shot.

Long ago, local TV reporters were valuable sources for the current events in your neck of the woods. But as the world has changed and further globalized, much more focus has been put on affairs both national and international. So, affiliates were faced with two options: Accept declining ratings in the old-fashioned, hard news business or sacrifice journalistic integrity for the cheesy chit-chat and whacky weathermen of in-your-living-room mass communication.

Sadly, this state of affairs isn't just confined to the minor leagues. The growth in cable news has put the squeeze on the once-dominant networks, as well. Similar to their Major League Baseball counterparts, they have resorted to juicing up their programming with the performance-enhancing drug that is ratings grabbing.

Last Friday, ABC stooped to sub-FOX levels with its airing of the

"20/20" special "Be My Baby." Hosted by Barbara Walters, the program documented a young mother's decision to allow one of five couples to adopt her child. It was like a traumatizing episode of "The Weakest Link," except the old broad in this one didn't have an English accent.

Nevertheless, some of the network newscasters like Peter Jennings, Tom Brokaw and Dan Rather haven't lost all of their credibility. For the most part, they remain at least reminiscent of anchormen like Walter Cronkite, who was often referred to as "the most trusted man in America," a since-outdated idealistic notion indeed.

TV news has since switched into high gear. As the obesity epidemic has taken hold of the country, Americans have also succumbed to the over-consumption of information. We gulp down the up-to-the-minute ticker tapes and continuing coverage like they're 39-cent cheeseburgers at McDonald's. And, unfortunately, we don't know when to say "when."

The outcome has been the Technicolor stream of vomit that we pay to have pumped into our homes via cable. Twenty-four hour news outlets like CNN and Fox News dominate range in reliability from "fair and balanced" to "skewed and biased." In fact, much of the so-called "coverage" goes far beyond behind-the-desk reporting. Many of the programs on these channels

are centered on gladiatorial combat between talking heads. These via-satellite catfights are basically tabloid talk-shows where they bleep out all the foul words and replace them with their polysyllabic counterparts.

Whether local or national, broadcast or cable, the news has fallen into a dark age. In fact, a recent study has shown that about one in five 18- to 29-year-olds have turned to a different source for their current events.

From Leno's monologue to "Weekend Update" on "SNL," comedians have taken the place of anchormen and pundits. Most notable among these media up-and-comers is Comedy Central's "The Daily Show." With a crack team of "senior" analysts and a no-holds-barred approach, Jon Stewart's fake news program is one of the funniest and at the same time informative half-hours on television. The show actually features high-profile guests like Hillary Clinton and has even earned a Peabody award for excellence in journalism.

It's kind of sad if you think about it. In order to get decent news coverage, you have to turn to a channel made famous by a talking piece of shit.

But as Walter Cronkite put it "that's the way it is."

Jacob Tootalian is a writer for The California Aggie at the University of California at Davis.

## Letters to the Editor

### William Hung should continue banging

This letter is in response to the commentary by Janet Pak regarding Asian-American stereotypes ("William Hung's success reinforces Asian Stereotypes" April 29). She herself is reinforcing the stereotypes by blowing things out of proportion by making comments about Hung's clothes, education and even his geeky, awkward persona. It's true that he may possess these qualities, but these are his individual characteristics, not Asian-American characteristics. Members of the media, such as Pak, should be held responsible for making Hung's success possible and be held responsible for glorifying his atypical generalization of Asian-Americans. Rather than pouring salt on his game, Janet, you should brush his shoulders off for capitalizing on

America's obsession to his crappy music. Keep doing your thang Big Will — don't stop banging.

Jorge Guerrero is a mechanical engineering junior.

### Cal Poly should strive for perfection

I've been around for a little more than 21 years, and things still aren't perfect. What gives? I know things take time, but it's been two decades and people are still ignorant, stupid, evil, racist, sexist and poor. Society still oppresses, stifles and robs us. What's going on? I've been patient, but there's been barely a step in the right direction.

I'm perfect, always been that way. What is with all of you guys, what is taking so

long for people to catch up? I'm sick of it. Am I going to have to do something about it? No. You guys need to change, not me. You can use me as a model for perfection, since whatever trivial path you have decided upon is clearly wrong. Let's recap, since your feeble, imperfect minds may need to hear it twice. I told you that you're wrong and gave you an example to model yourself on.

As soon as I see this letter in the paper I expect to see some changes, no excuses. You need to work on not being imperfect; by morning I expect you to have all that imperfection worked out of your system. Tomorrow there should be no more ignorance and stupidity, no more hatred, no more violence and no more wrong religions (that means your's, buddy).

Morgan Elam is an engineering senior.

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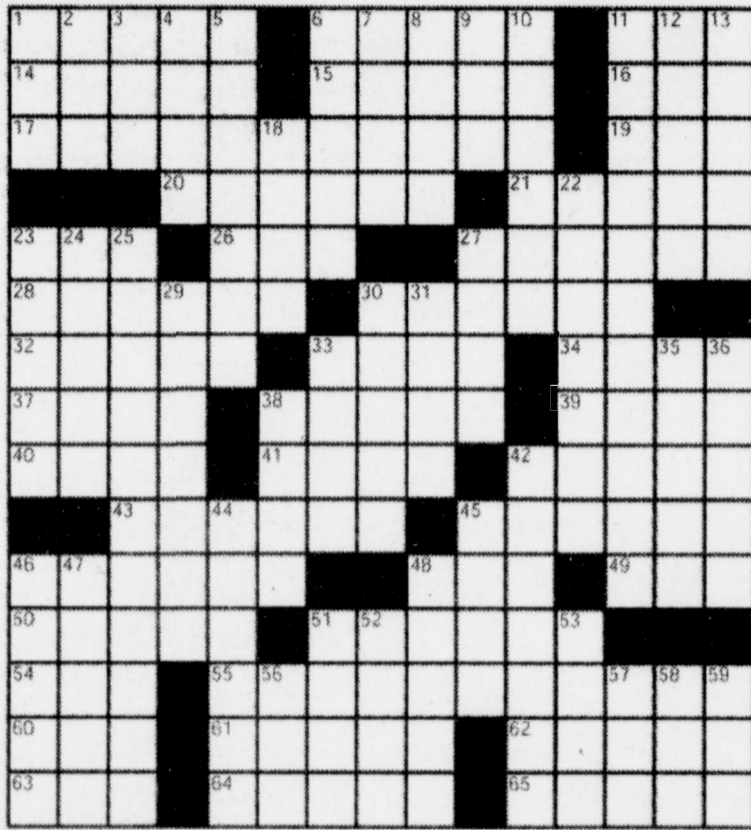
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  - 49 PBS supporter
  - 50 Keypad key
  - 51 Compound of gold
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- 55 Astronaut's sign-off?
- 60 Born, in bios
- 61 Mailing list items
- 62 Sole material
- 63 Norm: Abbr.
- 64 Search blindly
- 65 Mentholated cigarettes

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- 12 Blue cartoon character
- 13 Bus. aides
- 18 "Later!"
- 22 Chuckleheads
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# LA Zoo relies on contraceptives to slow animal boom

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Contraception has become crucial to keeping the Los Angeles Zoo population from exploding.

While they trumpet the birth of a baby elephant, panda or California condor, zoo officials battle against unwanted pregnancies in other species with birth control programs that in some cases are quite intricate. The efforts became necessary due to better nutrition and health care as well as naturalistic exhibits that allow species mingling.

"It's a huge part of our job now," said Cynthia Stringfield, the zoo's senior veterinarian.

In the past, spaying and castrating were the standard ways to keep animals from reproducing. But scientists have shifted their approach because such surgeries can permanently banish the animal from the breeding pool and cause undesirable physical and behavioral changes. Castrated lions, for instance, grow fat and lose their manes.

Segregating males and females keeps them from breeding, but it

disrupts normal relationships among social animals.

Contraceptive implants and drugs are now used to prevent camel pregnancies and to keep the zoo's yellow-footed rock wallabies together without "breeding like bunnies," Stringfield said.

With endangered and rare animals, genetic concerns often drive contraception. A reproductive future has been worked out for each animal, based on complex calculations of which pairings will maximize genetic diversity and long-term survival.

"It's kind of like computerized dating," said Jay Kirkpatrick, a veterinarian at ZooMontana who pioneered the use of a contraceptive vaccine that keeps wild horses from overrunning Maryland's Assateague Island National Seashore.

In 1999, a young chimpanzee whose failed vasectomy caused three pregnancies at the Los Angeles Zoo. Zookeepers now watch the chimps closely to ensure females actually swallow their birth-control pills.

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The Cal Poly goalie makes a save in the team's Saturday win against New York University.

# Water polo wins national title at home

Leah Mori  
MUSTANG DAILY

While Cal Poly students were spending the weekend at the beach, the women's water polo team spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the pool, playing their way to their second national title at the 2004 National Collegiate Club Championship, which was held at Cal Poly.

The team began the weekend by playing USC on Friday afternoon. The women considered the matchup their biggest game and defeated the Trojans 7-5.

"It was kind of our championship game," said civil engineering senior Laurel Cleland said. "(USC) was our closest game all season long and they are our biggest rivals. They were the only real team we didn't beat during the season."

Kinesiology junior Emily Dodds agreed with Cleland, calling the USC match-up the "best game of our season."

"We came together as a team and played really well," Dodds said. "We

played well on Saturday too, but in our games against USC and Dartmouth, we played really well. Things just clicked for us."

After defeating the Trojans, Cal Poly moved on to dominate New York University on Saturday morning. They won the game 11-3. With the win against NYU, the Mustangs took first place in their bracket.

The semifinals brought Cal Poly up against the University of Florida. Having played the Gators twice before in the semifinals and defeating them both times had the Gators looking for an upset. The upset did not come this time as the Mustangs defeated the team 9-3 for the third consecutive year.

Cal Poly played Dartmouth College on Sunday afternoon in the championship game. The Mustangs defeated the team 7-4, taking the national title.

"The Dartmouth game was a lot closer than we thought it would be," Cleland said. "For most of the game, either team could have won, but in the fourth quarter we pulled ahead

and I think they pretty much gave up after we scored two points on them."

Four members of the team were named to the all-tournament team. Elisa Hooper and Clare McCollum were awarded first-team honors. Cleland and goaltender Melissa Reck were named to the second team.

The season as a whole went well for the Mustangs, as they finished No. 1 in their league. After having five seniors graduate last year, the team brought in a large number of freshmen women this season, making for a young team.

The team is comprised of an A team and a B team for a total of 25 players. Fourteen of those played in the championships last weekend. Eight of the 14 were freshmen, Cleland said.

"No one thought we would amount to much, but we ended up getting 19 freshmen on the team this year and they're so talented," Cleland said. "They pulled it together, and by the end of the season all we had to do was play as a team."

## Hero remembered in San Jose

May Wong  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE — Pat Tillman was remembered Monday as an honorable man who overachieved on the football field and then became a war hero after dying in Afghanistan.

"While many of us will be blessed to live a longer life, few of us will ever live a better one," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who spent 5 1/2 years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. "He was a most honorable man."

Friends, family and others gathered to mourn Tillman in his hometown — to remember a man so moved by the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks that he walked away from a fortune with the Arizona Cardinals to fight for his country.

Tillman, 27, died April 22 in a firefight near the Pakistan border as he was leading his team to help comrades caught in an ambush. The Army gave few details of how Tillman was killed, but said he was fatally shot while fighting "without regard for his personal safety."

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and Hall of Famer Gene Upshaw, executive director of the players' union, were among those who attended Monday's public memorial at a municipal rose garden. About 3,000 people attended the ceremony.

"The underlying thing was his courage and selflessness on the athletic field, in his community and now as a soldier," Tagliabue told

reporters before the service.

Tillman was eulogized by politicians, celebrities, former coaches and family members. Tillman's brother, Kevin, who served in the same battalion, was also at the ceremony.

California's first lady, Maria Shriver, read a letter from her husband, who was visiting soldiers in Germany on Monday.

"I was told he admired me but it's the reverse ...," the letter said. "Pat's journey, that's the American dream and he sacrificed that. That to me is a real hero."

Shriver said Tillman epitomized the message her uncle, John F. Kennedy delivered in his presidential inauguration 43 years ago.

"My uncle once said, 'Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.' You, Pat, have lived those words," she said.

Last week, the military posthumously promoted Tillman, a member of the Army's elite Ranger unit since 2002, from specialist to corporal. He also was awarded a Purple Heart and Silver Star.

Tillman attended San Jose's Leland High School and was drafted by the Cardinals after starring at Arizona State University. He became the Cardinals' starting safety and

broke the franchise record for tackles in 2000.

"It was an honor to coach Pat," former Cardinals assistant Larry Marmie said. "I learned a lot from him. Players often look for the respect from their coaches. I found myself trying to earn Pat's respect."

Though he never publicly offered reasons for his decision to join the Army, several friends have said the terrorist attacks affected him deeply.

"He wasn't interested in headlines," Upshaw said. "But he was interested in giving everything for a cause, whatever the cause may be."

Tillman was assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, and was based at Fort Lewis, Wash.

He was one of about 100 U.S. soldiers to have been killed in Afghanistan since the United States invaded in 2001. He is the first NFL player killed in combat since Buffalo offensive tackle Bob Kalsu died in the Vietnam War. Nineteen NFL players were killed in World War II.

"I came to pay my respects," said Joel Cascio, a San Jose resident who served two years in the Navy during the mid-1960s. "He put his career aside. That's a courageous thing to do, no matter what walk of life."

*"While many of us will be blessed to live a longer life, few of us will ever live a better one."*

-SEN. JOHN MCCAIN  
R-Ariz.

## Garnett wins first NBA MVP award

Dave Campbell  
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MINNEAPOLIS — The Kid is all grown up, and he has an NBA MVP award to prove it.

Kevin Garnett got 120 of 123 first-place votes to beat two-time winner Tim Duncan for the honor Monday, three days after his Minnesota Timberwolves won a playoff series for the first time.

Garnett's teammates attended a packed news conference at the Timberwolves' arena, and he praised them repeatedly.

"I wouldn't be nothing without those knuckleheads, believe me," Garnett said. "It's a team game, and I've always kept that perspective."

He has played at an MVP level for years, but this was a breakthrough season for the Wolves. They earned the top seeding in the Western Conference playoffs with a franchise-best 58-24 record, then ended a string of seven straight first-round exits from the postseason by beating the Denver Nuggets.

"This is the best situation I could ever think of, or dream of," Garnett said.

Playing everywhere from center to point guard, the 7-footer averaged 24.2 points, a league-leading 13.9 rebounds and 5.0 assists this season — and his playoff stats are even better.

Garnett joined Larry Bird as the only players to average 20 points, 10

rebounds and five assists for five consecutive years.

He received 1,219 points in voting by sports writers and broadcasters in each of the league's cities. San Antonio's Duncan was next with 716 points, and Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal finished third with 523. Peja Stojakovic and Kobe Bryant were next.

"He's definitely deserving of it," said O'Neal, like Garnett a high school standout in South Carolina. "He waited his turn. A lot of people thought he should've won it last year."

Garnett was taken by Minnesota with the fifth pick in the 1995 draft out of Chicago's Farragut Academy, where he spent his senior year. Bryant also went straight from high school to the pros the next season, and now dozens of teenagers skip college each year in hopes of making it in the NBA.

Nicknamed "The Kid," Garnett made the All-Star team in his second season, and his success helped fuel the wave of preps-to-pros players.

"When he came into the league ... he said ... he wanted to be the best player in the league," Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders said.

**• Garnett is the first player since Larry Bird to average greater than 20 points, 10 rebounds and 5 assists per game**

### SCORES

Baseball (4) @ Cal State Fullerton (9)  
Cal Poly — second straight sweep  
Softball (0) vs. Cal State Northridge (1)  
Emily Hively — seven IP, five Ks, four hits  
W T&F (1st place) @ Big Three Meet  
Kaylene Wagner — school record in high jump  
M T&F (2nd place) @ Big Three Meet  
Paul Edwards — qualified for NCAAAs in 200  
Baseball (2) @ Cal State Fullerton (27)  
Tietje, Berglund — solo HRs

### SCHEDULE

Baseball vs. UC Irvine  
fri., May 7, 6 p.m.  
Baseball vs. UC Irvine  
sat., May 8, 1 p.m.  
Softball vs. Cal State Fullerton  
sat., May 8, 12 and 2 p.m.  
Baseball vs. UC Irvine  
sun., May 9, 1 p.m.  
Softball vs. Cal State Fullerton  
sun., May 9, 12 p.m.

### Today's Question

Before Monday's loss, how many straight NBA Eastern Conference playoff games had the Nets won?

Yesterday's answer: Barry Bonds was intentionally walked 68 times in 2002. Congrats to Zachary Levele Joseph, J.R. Shepard and Reed Glyer.

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